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MALAYSIA

1. Despite the recent arrests of militant left-wing leaders and the imposition of other precautions, flash demonstrations and other hostile acts by rank-and-file elements on 30-31 October cannot be discounted. The security forces' difficulty in anticipating and preventing disruptive acts by small groups or individuals was demonstrated during the evening of 28 October when some 50 Chinese students staged a violent demonstration at a Kuala Lumpur hotel housing US servicemen on leave from Vietnam. The students, some carrying anti - President Johnson banners, threw rocks, ball bearings, and bottles containing motor oil and possibly acid. Ten minutes after the demonstration began, the police arrived and dispersed the students with several shots. No personal injuries either to Americans or students have been reported.

2. The same day students at the University of Malaysia burned an effigy of the President at a campus demonstration. Police were unable to move

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against the demonstrators because of legal restraints barring them from entering the campus without permission by university officials. The fact that university students are being dismissed on 29 October for two weeks' vacation should limit similar actions on the campus, although it will free leftist students to participate in anti-American actions elsewhere.

3. [REDACTED] second-level left-wing leaders have not yet emerged to replace the top leaders arrested on October 25-26 and that confusion reigns in the ranks of the militants. Notwithstanding this assessment, however, Labor Party and Partai Rakjat branches in Kuala Lumpur held a joint meeting on 27 October at which demonstration plans were reportedly discussed. Similar meetings have also been held in other towns. Although activity by leftist elements outside Kuala Lumpur does not portend a direct threat to the President's visit, some of these elements apparently intend to go to Kuala Lumpur for the purpose of joining in demonstrations there. However, the possibility that any significant number will be able to enter the city is lessened by an extensive roadblock system set up by the police. Thus far the only officially sanctioned demonstration is the small and closely monitored Peoples Progressive Party rally to be held at the airport upon the President's arrival.

4. In Singapore, the Internal Security Department has been working closely with the Malaysian Special Branch to detect and prevent the movement of potentially dangerous individuals to the mainland. The arrest of some 30 Socialist Front and trade union cadres on 26-27 October should further limit the potential of pro-Communist elements for mischief.

SOUTH KOREA

5. There has been no significant change in the security situation. No intensification of student unrest has been reported. North Korean agent activity in the DMZ area is continuing, but appears to be no threat to the presidential visit.

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